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Prior Application: T. SAKURAI et al
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For: METHOD FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/268,637, filed on March 16, 1999, entitled METHOD FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND APPARATUS USING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 740.00
Total Claims	11	-	20	=	0	x	18 =
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	84 = 168.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 908.00

3. A check including the amount of \$908.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee and Additional Independent Claims Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, three (3) sheets, Figs. 1-9.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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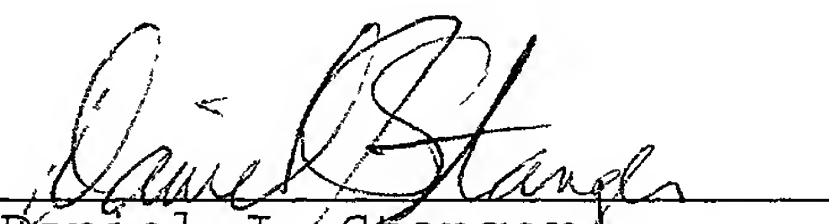
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 09/268,637, filed March 16, 1999.

The certified priority document has been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/268,637, as originally filed on March 16, 1999.


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